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In re Application of  
Hofstra et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:


**A listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

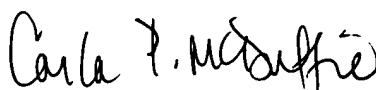
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